

infringement committed by any other person unless the Librarian or such employee knowingly participated in the act of infringement committed by such person. Nothing in this section shall be construed to excuse or limit liability under title 17 for any act not authorized by that title or this section, or for any act performed by a person not authorized to act under that title or this section.

**(d) Short title**

This section may be cited as the “American Television and Radio Archives Act”.

(Pub. L. 94-553, title I, § 113, Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2601.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Jan. 1, 1978, see section 102 of Pub. L. 94-553, set out as a note preceding section 101 of Title 17, Copyrights.

**§ 171. Congressional declaration of findings and purpose as to Center for the Book**

The Congress hereby finds and declares—

(1) that the Congress of the United States on April 24, 1800, established for itself a library of the Congress;

(2) that in 1815, the Congress purchased the personal library of the third President of the United States which contained materials on every science known to man and described such a collection as a “substratum of a great national library”;

(3) that the Congress of the United States in recognition of the importance of printing and its impact on America purchased the Gutenberg Bible in 1930 for the Nation for placement in the Library of Congress;

(4) that the Congress of the United States has through statute and appropriations made this library accessible to any member of the public;

(5) that this collection of books and other library materials has now become one of the greatest libraries in civilization;

(6) that the book and the printed word have had the most profound influence on American civilization and learning and have been the very foundation on which our democratic principles have survived through our two hundred-year history;

(7) that in the year 1977, the Congress of the United States assembled hereby declares its reaffirmation of the importance of the printed word and the book and recognizes the importance of a Center for the Book to the continued study and development of written record as central to our understanding of ourselves and our world.

It is therefore the purpose of sections 171 to 175 of this title to establish a Center for the Book in the Library of Congress to provide a program for the investigation of the transmission of human knowledge and to heighten public interest in the role of books and printing in the diffusion of this knowledge.

(Pub. L. 95-129, § 1, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1151.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 172 of this title.

**§ 172. Definitions**

As used in sections 171 to 175 of this title—

(1) the term Center means the Center for the Book;

(2) the term Librarian means the Librarian of Congress.

(Pub. L. 95-129, § 2, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1151.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 171 of this title.

**§ 173. Establishment of Center for the Book**

There is hereby established in the Library of Congress a Center for the Book.

The Center shall be under the direction of the Librarian of Congress.

(Pub. L. 95-129, § 3, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1151.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 171, 172 of this title.

**§ 174. Function of Center for the Book**

The Librarian through the Center shall stimulate public interest and research in the role of the book in the diffusion of knowledge through such activities as a visiting scholar program accompanied by lectures, exhibits, publications, and any other related activities.

(Pub. L. 95-129, § 4, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1152.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 171, 172 of this title.

**§ 175. Administrative provisions**

The Librarian of Congress, in carrying out the Center's functions, is authorized to—

(1) prescribe such regulations as he deems necessary;

(2) receive money and other property donated, bequeathed, or devised for the purposes of the Center, and to use, sell, or otherwise dispose of such property for the purposes of carrying out the Center's functions, without reference to Federal disposal statutes; and

(3) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and noncompensated personnel and reimburse them for travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 95-129, § 5, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1152.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 171, 172 of this title.

**§ 176. Mass Book Deacidification Facility; operation by Librarian of Congress**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Librarian of Congress shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the Library of Congress Mass Book Deacidification Facility.

(Pub. L. 98-427, § 2, Sept. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1656.)

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT FACILITY**

Section 1 of Pub. L. 98-427 provided: “That the Librarian of Congress is authorized and directed, subject